Plan prepared by the PLA

274. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan prepared by the PLA to destabilize administration in Manipur has been unearthed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check their activities in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) We have no such information. However, in January, 1991 Manipur Police had arrested three activists belonging to PLA and recovered some incriminating documents from them.

(c) The Government have taken various steps to check the activities of the Meitei and Naga insurgents who are active in the State. The Meitei extremist organisations including the PLA as also the NSCN stand declared as 'Unlawful associations' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967. The whole of Manipur also stands declared as a 'dis turbed area' under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958, to enable the surgency operations sined at checking surgency operations aimed at checking the unlawful activities of the insurgent elements.

Communal riots in the country

275. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of communal riots that occurred during December, 1990 and January, 1991 alongwith th states where these communal riots occurred;

(b) what were the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the impact of Gulf war was also responsible for communal riots in the country; and

(d) if so, what stern measures have been taken by Government to check these communal riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) On the basis of available information, a statement showing the particulars of major communal riots in the country during December, 1990 and January, 1991 is annexed.

(c) Government have no specific information in this regard.

(d) Taking into account the pattern of the recent communal disturbances in the various parts of the country and with a view to foiling the mischievous designs of communal and divisive forces, the Government have revised its guidelines on promotion of communal harmony and for prevention of communal violence and circulated the same to the various State Governments/UTs on 23rd April, 1990. Further, material support in terms of para-military forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when requested, subject to their availability to assist them in effectively managing and controlling the riot situation on ground. The Central Government also shares its intelligence with the concerned State Governments for prevention of communal violence.

The National Integration Council and its Committees keep on reviewing the various measures to be taken for promotion of communal harmony in the country in the context of the changing communal scenario. Similarly, the 15-Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities is intended to remove various irritants and to promote socio-economic welfare of the minorities in a time bound programme. The Minorities Commission as also the Union Ministry of Welfare monitor various welfare measures for the minorities at the highest level.